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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-22, cancel claims 5 and 10, and add new claims
23- 34 as follows before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-22 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A delayed release coated core which produces a timed pulse release
containing an active substance in its core and a polymer coating comprising one or more
ammonio methacrylate copolymers, said core further containing one or more surfactants, one
of said surfactants being capable of diffusing into the polymer coating and provoking a
sudden change in the coating's properties.

2. (Amended) A delayed release coated core according to claim 1 wherein the surfactants are
cationic or zwitterionic in nature.